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SUBJ: ATHENS-ANKARA CONTACTS ON MAKARIOS

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1. IN CONTRAST TO MID-1971 AND EARLY MONTHS OF 1972, THERE ARE AT PRESENT NO RPT NO INDICATIONS OF A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA ABOUT MAKARIOS AND HIS REGIME. ON THE CONTRARY, WIRTUALLY ALL SIGNS HERE IN ANKARA POINT TO TURKISH DISTRUST OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE MAY BE UNDERLYING ENOSIST SENTIMENT IN THE ATHENS REGIME. THE TURKS ARE ALSO DOUBTFUL ABOUT THAT REGIME'S STAYING POWER. THIS ATTITUDE COULD OF COURSE CHANGE FOLLOWING THE MEETING BETWEEN GUNES AND TETENES PROJECTED FOR THE NEXT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING.

2. OUR GUESS IS THAT OZPAY MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO SOME GREEK-TURKISH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DURING AN EARLIER CRISIS, POSSIBLY IN EARLY 1972. IN OUR OPINION, IT CAN BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT THE TURKS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE EXCEPTIONALLY APPREHENSIVE OF ANY DIRECT RPT DIRECT GOG EFFORT TO TOPPLE MAKARIOS, IN THE SENSE THAT THEY WOULD NOT ACQUIESCE IN DE FACTO ENOSIS (I.E., A NEW CYPRUS GOVT HEADED BY STOOGES OF ATHENS OR BACKED UP BY A STRENGTHENED GOG MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND). INTERVENTION -- EITHER

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POLITICAL OR MILITARY -- COULD NOT BE RULED OUT UNDER SUCH

CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. FINALLY, IT MIGHT ALSO BE RECALLED THAT THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT FONMIN BAYULKEN, DURING HIS TENURE IN OFFICE, WAS THINKING ABOUT A GREEK-TURKISH CONDOMINIUM TO CONTROL THE ISLAND DURING ANY UNCERTAIN OR UNSETTLED PERIOD FOLLOWING A POSSIBLE DISAPPEARANCE OF MAKARIOS, WHETHER BY NATURAL CAUSES OR OTHERWISE.
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